

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0030] in the application as originally filed with the following amended paragraph:

[0030] Pre-formed metformin hydrochloride tablets identical to those used as a starting material in Example 1 ~~were~~ are used. Likewise, an identical Opadry solution ~~was~~ is used as the barrier layer solution. This solution ~~was~~ is sprayed onto the tablets to achieve a weight increase of 1%.

Please replace paragraph [0031] in the application as originally filed with the following amended paragraph:

[0031] To prepare the immediate-release layer, a suspension similar to that of Example 1 ~~was~~ is prepared except that it ~~contained~~ contains 0.40% glimepiride rather than 0.20%. The suspension ~~was~~ is sprayed onto the barrier layer until the tablet weight ~~increased~~ increases by approximately 4%.